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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Request for Waiver
CC 02-6

Madam Secretary:

The Elba City School System requests a waiver for the closing filing date of our Form 471. We request that we be permitted to file for our Form 470 (application # 392380000663405) which was posted electronically on January 17, 2008.

We are aware that this Form 470 was filed after the January 10th threshold. We waited to file our Form 470 due to confusion over the approval of our school system's technology plan by the Alabama State Department of Education:

We submitted our technology plan using the ALSDE's new on-line filing system. The submission entails a process of reviews by the state department and corrections by the local school system over a period of time. As the January 10th threshold approached our school system had not received an "approved" status. We believed that we could not file for E-Rate until our plan was approved by the state. As a result we did not file our Form 470 until after our plan was granted "approved" status on January 14th.

We have learned that the State Department of Education did in fact send out an email clarifying that school systems could file for E-rate without final approval of their technology plans. Our school system, however, did not receive this email. I am at a loss to explain why.

We are a small, rural school system, and the financial help we get from E-Rate discounts offers a significant boost to our being able to meet the needs of our students. For this reason we ask that you grant us a waiver so that we may file our Form 471 after the February 7th closing date.

I am attaching documents in PDF format from our online technology plan submission page which will substantiate the timeline as I have described it. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Ellis".

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